GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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TELECAST PERMISSION TO PRIVATE CHANNELS/COMPANIES
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast the free private channels through Doordarshan Kendra to give more channels to the Doordarshan viewers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to telecast;

(c) whether the Government are also considering to make available DD Metro Channel all over the country without dish antenna; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): In terrestrial mode, metro channel (DD2) coverage is presently available to about32.4% population of the country. With the commissioning of on-going transmitter projects (DD2), in about two years time, over 43.4% population is expected to be brought under coverage of Metro Channel, terrestrially.